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## Cinderella Out of Date.

The cult of the large foot is the latest

crisis in Vienna. A "Big Feet" society

has just been formed in that capital by

the Baroness Mohr, with the object of

spreading the theory that large feet are

not only healthy, but beautiful.

## Plates and Plates.

Coke—They say that the plates on a

battleship are nearly a foot thick.

Kitchen Maid—Meny! Fancy having

to wash them three times a day—Bo-

ton Transcript.

## SAVED BY HIS BOOTS.

The Way a Writer Dodged Death in  
the French Revolution.

In the French revolution a feuilletonist named Schlauberndorf, who possessed considerable ability as a writer, by heartily espousing the cause of the Girondists in all that emanated from his pen rendered himself obnoxious to Robespierre and at the dictation of that fierce leader was incarcerated. When the death cart one morning came to the prison for its load of those that were that day to be butchered Schlauberndorf's name was on the list of the condemned. The jailer informed him that such was the case, and the writer dressed himself for his last ride very nonchalantly and—he was extremely fastidious as to his personal appearance—with great care. His boots, however, he could not find. Here, there, everywhere, assisted by his jailer, he looked for them to no avail.

"I am quite willing to be executed," said he to the jailer after their fruitless search, "but really I should be ashamed to go to the guillotine without my boots. Nor do I wish to detain this execution party," he added, smiling grimly. "Will it make any difference if my execution is deferred until tomorrow? By that time I shall probably succeed in finding my boots."

"I don't know that it will matter particularly when you are guillotined," responded the functionary, between whom and Schlauberndorf there had existed a sort of friendship. "Suppose we call it tomorrow, then?"

"All right." And the jailer allowed Schlauberndorf to remain, not unwillingly, as, owing to his universal good humor, he was especially liked by all the jail attendants.

The following morning when the cart drew up before the prison door for its batch of victims Schlauberndorf, dressed in his best, including the boots, that had been found, stood waiting the summons of the jailer to take his place therein. Meantime, however, a new jailer had taken the place of the old one, the latter himself having suddenly been displaced by reason of suspected disloyalty to the revolutionists, and Schlauberndorf's name was not called that morning. Nor was it called the next morning nor the morning after that, nor, indeed, ever again. It was believed by all outside of his friends in the jail that he had perished on the morning originally set for him. He remained in prison until the sway of Robespierre had ended. Then he regained his liberty, as did the rest of those prisoners whose heads had not fallen beneath the bloodstained ax. — New York Press.

Twelfth Century Skating.  
Skating must have been a difficult art before the introduction of steel blades, yet Londoners used to go in for it as early as the twelfth century. Fitzstephen in his "Description of London," published in 1180, records that "when the great fenne or moore (which watereth the walls of the city on the north side) is frozen many young men play on the ice; \*\*\* some striding as wide as they may do slide swifly; some tie bones to their feet and under their heels, and shoving themselves with a little picked staffe do slide as swifly as a bird flieth on a wire or an arrow out of a crossbow."

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## The Bride's Pie.

The "wedding cake" of today was formerly called the "bride's pie" and in some regions was regarded as so essential an adjunct to the marriage celebration that there was no prospect of happiness without it. It was always circular in shape, covered with a strong crust and garnished with sweetmeats. It was the proper thing for the bridegroom to wait on the bride in serving the cake; hence the term "bridegroom."

## Not News to Him.

"Oh, my boy, my boy! When I was your age I had never seen the inside of a theater; I had never tasted a cocktail; and I had never lost money on a bet of any kind."

"I know, dad. Grandmother says you were the runt of the family and always very backward."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Gravity.

A precocious child who had been attending one of the public kindergartens fell from a ladder. Her mother caught her up from the ground in terror, exclaiming:

"Oh, darling, how did you fall?"

"Vertically," replied the child without a second's hesitation.—Satire.

## A Clever Ruse.

Mr. A.—Norah seems quite gone on the postman. Mrs. A.—Gone! Do you know what that girl does? She mails herself a post card every evening so as to make sure he'll call the next morning.—Boston Transcript.

## Always Wanting Something.

Eve—I want—Adam—You are always wanting something. You are no rib; you are a wishbone.—New York Press.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.—Bacon.

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